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J. Lee
Savannah January 26. 1826.

My dear Sir

I expected before this time to have
been on my way to the Supreme Court, via New York,
but as circumstances have happened which will
prevent me from visiting Washington this winter, I
must communicate by letter what I had hoped to
have said to you in person. Mr Knicker is willing
to take a lease of your wharf for eight years and
will give two hundred dollars per annum and pay
all taxes which may accrue upon it. He will
bind himself in such manner as I may ask, to have
erected before the first day of July 1831, a brick ware
house fifty feet wide, one hundred long one story
high, the foundation, foundation as well as outer
walls to be of such depth and thickness that
three stories may be added upon them. The rent to
be paid by him on the first August in each year to
yourself in New Jersey and the first payment to be
made on the 1st August 1826. At the expiration of
the lease a valuation to be put upon the building
by independent persons and to be taken by you
at the valuation allowing one and two years for
the

payment of the sum and her security for the pay-
ment of it to be a lease or mortgage upon the
building. At the expiration of the lease, the wharf
head & keel, now in complete order to be paid
by Mr Cudde, at her expense in the same condition.
Such is the state of property in this City and there
is especially the depreciation of wharf income
that I cannot but advise your acceptance
of Mr Cudde's proposition and when you signify
your assent, the necessary papers shall be drawn
and sent to you. I used every effort when you
required it to sell your land, but received no
offer for any part of them and excepting one
or two individuals who were created without
reference to you ~~I have~~ had no trouble with
that party of your concern. For your demand against
Hunter whom you know to have been a bankrupt,
and who has been in the city ever since. I have
secured something and when we meet in the
spring or summer I hope to have it in my power
to give a satisfactory account of my agency
in that regard. It is my intention to break up
my estate, to travel in Europe and to place
Mr Payne and my children for three or four
years in the neighbourhood of New York or Phila-

dejection. How the contraction of my distance has been
extensive more than three months in each year
I am they by and to leave and not a cadence as
taught by my instructor from my and besides the health
of my boy requires the pure air and heavy clouds
of the south. Pray make the respects of Mr. Wayne
and Mr. Collett to Mr. H. and your Mother &

Believe me my dear friend

Your friend J. H. H. H.

Samuel M. Wayne

Rejoice
George Wayne
Jan. 1826 on the
May Lot Savannah

[Decorative flourish]

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Elizabeth Warren

New Jersey

